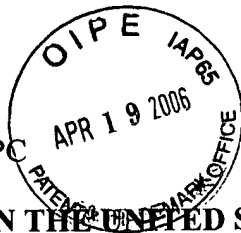


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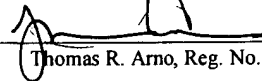
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 14, 2005, Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments and remarks in connection with the above-captioned application.